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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	HORNGREN, ET AL	Examiner:	C. BOSWELL
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Title:	LOCKABLE SECURITY DEVICE		

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2007, in which claims 1, 3-7, 9-29, 31 and 32 were rejected. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks and the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith.

REMARKS

The Office Action asserts at pages 2-3 that Applicants' statement of common ownership between the present application and US 7,100,402 submitted in Applicants' Response filed on October 3, 2007 was inadequate under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) and 37 CFR 1.78(c). Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion. 37 CFR 1.78(c) states that "the Office may require the Assignee to state whether the claimed inventions were commonly owned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person at the time the later invention was made." Applicants have provided such a statement. There is no requirement for a showing of common ownership as the Office Action requests.